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the Carribean sea by the U. S. Coast Survey steamer *Blake*, Commander John R. Bartlette, U. S. Navy, commanding; G. J. Brush, On a mineral locality in Fairfield county, Connecticut; J. S. Newberry, On the great silver deposits recently discovered in Colorado, Utah and Nevada.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES OF PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.—The President, Dr. Ruschenberger read an extract from a letter from Dr. Siegfried, U.S.N., descriptive of the aborigines of the island of Botel Tobago. Rev. H. C. McCook gave an account of his studies upon the habits of leaf-cutting ants of Texas.

Feb. 18.—The President in the Chair. A paper entitled, On the structure of the Chimpanzee, by Dr. H. C. Chapman was presented for publication. Dr. Leidy exhibited some specimens of *Bothriocephalus latus* which had been obtained from a Swedish woman, this tape-worm appeared to be very rare in this country, being the first he had ever seen. Dr. Leidy also gave the results of his examination of the second chimpanzee, which recently died at the Zoölogical Garden, stating that in this specimen the cerebrum fairly covered the cerebellum; longitudinal *valvula conniventes* were found in the middle of the small intestine, and forty-five Peyer's patches were counted. The development of the laryngeal pouch was also considered.

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, April 7. — Prof. J. S. Newberry read a paper on the occurrence of gold with the silver ores of Nevada.

April 21. — Prof. Arnold Guyot presented a paper on the topography of the Catskills.

April 28.—Prof. J. S. Newberry remarked on the devices employed in nature for the distribution of the seeds of plants.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY, April 16. — Dr. S. Kneeland spoke on the mineralized phosphatic guanos of the Pacific islands.

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## SELECTED ARTICLES IN SCIENTIFIC SERIALS.

QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF MICROSCOPICAL SCIENCE.—April. Observations on the structure of cells and nuclei, by E. Klein. On the apical and oral systems of the Echinodermata, by P. H. Carpenter. The development of the earth-worm, by N. Kleinenberg (shows that the brain is formed independently of the ventral nervous cord, and criticises Semper's views as to the derivation of the nervous system of vertebrates from that of worms). The Nematoid Hæmatozoa of man, by T. R. Lewis (confirms Manson's discovery of the migration of a human hæmatozoön from the blood of a mosquito, and records the life-history of the *Filaria sanguinis-hominis*).